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DANVILLE WOMAN IS SENTENCED FOR BENEFIT FRAUD

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono and Boston Field Division's Special Agent in Charge of the Office of the Inspector General, Office of Investigations for the Social Security Administration Leo Sullivan announced that **MARY D. DOYON**, age 41, of Danville, NH was sentenced today in U.S. District Court on a felony charge of defrauding the Social Security Disability Insurance ("SSDI") Program over a four and a half year period.

A federal grand jury had charged **DOYON** with theft of government funds, alleging that from July, 1998 to January, 2003 she fraudulently obtained approximately \$47,000 in SSDI disability benefits from the Social Security Administration. **DOYON** later pleaded guilty to the charge. The SSDI program is a federally-funded program which provides benefits to individuals who are unable to work because they have a physical and psychological disability. At the time that **DOYON** was collecting the disability benefits, she was in fact employed gainfully by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At today's sentencing, Judge DiClerico imposed a sentence of six months home confinement and three years probation. Judge DiClerico also ordered **DOYON** to pay full restitution for the amount of money that she unlawfully received from the Social Security Administration over the course of the fraud.

In commenting on the sentencing, U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated: "Anyone who defrauds the Social Security Administration is committing a serious crime. Persons who defraud the United States risk a felony conviction as well as other sanctions. In addition, all of the monies will have to be paid back. This is a crime which simply does not pay."

The case was investigated by the Office of the Inspector General for the Social Security Administration, and was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Mark Irish.

